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1. The reply filed on 7/26/05 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant has attempted to correct the issue regarding the use of element number 11 as seen in the previous Office Action. The examiner does not disagree with the correction to the specification as presented by Applicant. However, in review it appears that there remains an issue with element number 11. The examiner agrees that the reader writer should be element number 13. However, in line 2 of the proposed amendment to the specification there remains a "card reader/writer 11" (the beginning of the line 2 of the proposed amendment to the specification seen on page 3 of 7 of the amendment dated 7/28; corresponding to page 23 line 26 of the specification). The examiner believes this should be "local controller 11" as reflected by the replacement sheet for Figure 1. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. It appears that this is the only remaining issue raised by the examiner. Upon correction, the examiner will initiate the requested interference proceedings.

3. Applicant's cooperation throughout the prosecution history of this current application is greatly appreciated.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karl D. Frech whose telephone number is (571) 272-2390. The examiner can normally be reached on maxi-flex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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